

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-5 Cancelled

6. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a casting, ~~comprising~~  
consisting the steps of:

providing a molten bath consisting essentially of 3 to 20 mass % of Ag,  
0.5 to 1.5 mass % of Cr, 0.05 to 0.5 mass % of Zr and the balance being Cu and  
unavoidable impurities,

rapidly cooling said molten bath to produce a formed article having a  
supersaturated solid solution containing a forced solid solution of Ag and Cr, and  
precipitation strengthening the formed article by aging at a temperature in  
the range of 450 to 500 °C.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a casting according to claim 1  
wherein the molten bath is cooled to a temperature of 500 °C and at a rate of 1°C/sec.  
after solidification.

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8. (Currently Amended) A method of producing a forging, ~~comprising~~  
consisting the steps of:

providing a molten bath consisting essentially of 3 to 8.5% by mass Ag,  
0.5 to 1.5% by mass Cr, 0.05 to 0.5% by mass Zr and the balance being Cu and  
unavoidable impurities,

casting said molten bath to product a solidified article,

forming the solidified article into a predetermined shape, and

precipitation strengthening the article by aging for precipitation and forgoing or  
rolling at a temperature in excess of 100 °C and less than 550 °C.